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Turner, Oregon, June 23-29, 1947

Dr. O. L. Shelton, Guest Speaker — **W. H. Lyman, Chairman** — **Gene Chamberlain, Director of Music**

Theme: "Lift Up Your Eyes"

PROGRAM

Monday Afternoon

2:00 Women's Board Meeting

Monday Night

7:30 Orchestra and Song
8:00 Missionary Address, Elmer Boyer
8:20 Song
8:25 Address, "Lifting Up the World's Need," Dr O. L. Shelton
9:00 Close

Tuesday Morning

8:15 Prayer Service, led by Edwin Beem
8:30 Classes:
1.—"Women's Work—World Missions," Mrs. Opal Carson in charge
2.—"Christianity and Archaeology," Dr. Ross J. Griffeth
3.—"The Christian Family," Dudley Strain
4.—"The Rural Church," Paul Moore
5.—"Great Bible Doctrines," Orville F. Mick
9:20 Close Class work
9:25 Assembly: Address, "A Resurgence of Christian Living," C. H. Addleman
10:00 Classes resume
11:00 Recess
11:15 Song and Praise
11:30 Address, "The Necessity of Vision," Howard C. Cole
12:00 Noon Recess

Tuesday Afternoon

1:45 Song and Praise
2:00 Address, "A Vision of Christian Benevolence," Elery A. Parrish
2:30 Song
2:35 Book Annoncements, W. B. Clemmer
2:50 Missionary Address, Elmer Boyer
3:30 Song
3:25 Address, G Gerald Sias, Crusade Representative
4:00 Afternoon Adjournment

Tuesday Night

7:30 Orchestra and Song
8:00 Missionary Address, Robert Morse
8:20 Song
8:25 Address, "Lifting Up Spiritual Values," Dr. O. L. Shelton
9:00 Close

Wednesday Morning

8:15 Prayer Service, Edwin Beem
8:30 Classes as on Tuesday
9:25 Assembly: Address, "A Resurgence of Christian Education," J. D. Harden
10:00 Classes resume
11:00 Recess
11:15 Song and Praise
11:30 Address, "A Vision of the Lord," Wm. C. Piper
12:00 Noon Recess

Wednesday Afternoon

1:45 Song and Praise
2:00 Address, "A Vision of Christian Education" (15 minutes each):
1.—"Through the Christian College," Roger Carstensen

DR. O. L. SHELTON

2.—"Through the Church School," Walter L. Myers
3.—"Through Summer Camps," Clifford N Trout
4.—"Through Campus Work," Hugh N. McCallum
3:05 Song
3:10 Introduction of new ministers, C. F. Swander
3:25 Song
3:30 Missionary Address, Robert Morse
4:00 Afternoon Adjournment

Wednesday Night

7:30 Musical, Directed by Mrs. Maud Skaggs Woodyard
8:25 Address, "Lifting Up Divine Imperatives," Dr. O. L. Shelton
9:00 Close

Thursday Morning

8:15 Prayer Service, Edwin Beem
8:30 Classes as on Tuesday
9:25 Assembly: Address, "A Resurgence of Christian Missions," Hubert E. Sias
10:00 Classes resume
11:00 Recess
11:15 Song and Praise
11:30 Address, "A Vision of Self," Emil Helseth
12:00 Noon Recess

Thursday Afternoon

Mrs. Opal Carson, Presiding
1:45 Song and Praise
1:50 Worship Service, Mrs. Thelma Stanley
2:00 Women's Program:
Missionary Address, Elmer Boyer
Introduction of out-of-state missionaries
4:00 Afternoon adjournment

5:00 Vesper Service

Thursday Night

7:30 Orchestra and Song
8:00 Missionary Address, Robert Morse
8:20 Song
8:25 Address, "Lifting Up the Christ," Dr. O. L. Shelton
9:00 Close

Friday Morning

8:15 Prayer Service, Edwin Beem
8:30 Classes as on Tuesday
9:25 Assembly: Address, "A Resurgence of Christian Evangelism," Gene Robinson
10:00 Classes resume
11:00 Recess
11:15 Song and Praise
11:30 Address, "A Vision of the Church," Fred L. Towne
12:00 Noon recess

Friday Afternoon

1:45 Song and Praise
2:00 Business Session O. C. M. C.
2:40 Song
2:45 Missionary Address, Robert Morse
3:15 Song
3:20 Address, "A Crusade for A Christian World," G. Gerald Sias
4:00 Afternoon adjournment

4:15 Dedication Cottage Turner Memorial Home

Friday Night

7:30 Orchestra and Song
8:00 Missionary Address, Elmer Boyer
8:20 Song
8:25 Address, "Lifting Up the Church," Dr. O. L. Shelton
9:00 Close

Saturday Morning

8:15 Prayer Service, Edwin Beem
8:30 Classes as on Tuesday
9:25 Assembly: Address, "A Resurgence of Christian Stewardship," Len B. Fishback
10:00 Classes resume
11:00 Recess
11:15 Song and Praise
11:30 Address, "A Vision of the Field," Kenneth Knox
12:00 Noon Recess

Saturday Afternoon

1:45 Song and Praise
2:00 Address, "A Vision of State Missions," B. Ross Evans
2:30 Introduction of State Mission Pastors, C. F. Swander
2:50 Song, The Tan-Ditters
3:00 Missionary Address, Elmer Boyer
3:30 Address, "Boys' Camps," Ninety and Nine Men
4:00 Afternoon Adjournment

4:15 Men's prayer meeting in rustic chapel, led by Don Farr
5:15 Men's banquet and business session, McKenzie District in charge. Song leader, Walter Naff; special music by N. C. C. male quartet.
Address, Howard Hutchins

Northwest District men will serve as ground hosts for day and will have banquet tickets, programs, etc. Programs will be furnished by the Central Oregon District.

Yamhill District in charge of arrangements for Men's Bible Class; attendance goal, 600. Teacher, J. Frank Cunningham.

Saturday Night

7:30 Orchestra and Song
8:00 Missionary Address, Robert Morse
8:20 Song
8:25 Address, "Lifting Up the Power of the Church," Dr. O. L. Shelton
9:00 Close

Sunday Morning

9:00 Bible School, Ralph L. Putnam, Superintending
11:00 Morning Worship:
Music, led by the Chamberlains
Sermon, "A Vision of the Cross," Myron C. Cole
Communion Service, Directed by W. H. Lyman

Sunday Afternoon

2:30 Song and Praise
3:00 Address, "Lifting Up the Cross," Dr. O. L. Shelton
4:00 Final Adjournment

LODGE RENTALS DUE

Notice is hereby given that lodge rentals for this summer's convention will be due June 1. We will not hold reservations after that date without the payment. The reason for this is that in former years when we held until convention time many people failed to show up and it was then too late to re-rent the rooms. Pay up by June 1, then if you cannot come and we do re-rent the room we will refund your payment. This is just to safeguard the convention from loss. Send to C. F. Swander, 512 Panama Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

1947 YOUTH GATHERINGS

We are attempting here to gather up in one view the list of young peoples summer gatherings for 1947. If it is not complete we shall be glad to add to it in future issues.

Y. P. Conf., Turner, June 30-July 6
Pioneer Camp, Turner, July 6-13
Pioneer Camp, Cove, July 20-27
Y. P. Conf., Cove, July 27-Aug. 2
Y. P. Conf., Bridge, August 3-9
Pioneer Camp, Bridge, August 3-9
Service Camp, Fir Point, July 20-26
Service Camp, Wi-Ne-Ma, July 13-19
Service Camp, Wi-Ne-Ma, July 20-26
Y.P.Conf.,Silver Creek, July 27-Aug. 2

Boys' Camps

Turner, July 13-19, Ages 10, 11
Turner, July 20-26; Ages 12-14
Crescent Lake, Aug. 3-9; Ages 10-14
Wi-Ne-Ma, Aug. 3-9; Ages 10-14
Bridge, August 10-16; Ages 10-14
Cove, August 10-16; Ages 10-14

Any boy attending camp must reach his 10th birthday at least during the week of camp he attends. Boys over 14 who desire to complete their 4-year course and earn a diploma may do so.

A NEW CHURCH

A new church has been organized at Gates. Glen E. Shelton, of the Mill City Church, has been mostly responsible for this.

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Notice: Items for the Oregon Christian should reach the editor's desk not later than the 1st day of the month to insure publication.

Evangelist Available

Due to change of plans Elery Parrish is available for meetings. This is an opportunity for some church to get a first class evangelist. Elery is one of the best in the field. His years of service as pastor and evangelist commend him. Address him at 3906 S. W. Troy St., Multnomah.

Another Evangelist

Clyde Freeman, who has done a most successful student work at Marcola, announces his entrance into the evangelistic field. He hopes to make evangelism his future career. We cheerfully recommend him. Churches desiring to contact him address him, Route 3, Box 522, Eugene, Oregon.

Rural Life Institute

The Oregon State College is conducting a Rural Life Institute for rural pastors at the college July 7-11. This will be a worth while session for every rural pastor to attend. A rural church is defined as one in a community of 2,500 or less. If you fall in that category plan to attend this institute. Send to us for descriptive folder.

GOOD BOOKKEEPERS

Does anyone want a good bookkeeper? There are a number we can recommend. There are about two dozen books, taken out of the state library, which we cannot persuade the borrowers to return. We need these books, and they represent nearly $50 worth. Is it an honor to carry the title, "Good Bookkeeper?"

CHILDREN'S DAY

More years ago than most of us can remember a unique custom originated in our brotherhood — Children's Day for Foreign Missions. That custom has been handed down from generation to generation, and it has always been the first Sunday in June. We have 150 churches in the state; there should be 150 observances of this day. AND THE OFFERING SHOULD NOT BE DIVERTED TO LOCAL PURPOSES. Take the offering and put it to some foreign mission work.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

The last reports indicate that Oregon's Week of Compassion offerings have gone over the $15,000 mark. The goal was $9,000. We await the final and exact report.

ADULT CONFERENCE

Arrangements are being perfected for an Adult Conference at Wi-Ne-Ma August 18-23. The churches will be receiving announcements concerning this from the sponsors.

Financial

April, 1947

CHURCHES: Ashland, $50; Court Street, $69.48; Crabtree, $25; Corvallis, $29.86; Culver, $27.82; Enterprise, $35; Eugene I, $150; Falls City, $3; Gladstone, $41.06; Hermiston, $71.50; Heppner, $21.02; Hood River, $38.75; Klamath Falls, $3.50; Kern Park, $10.41; La Grande, $50; Mallory Avenue, $111.77; McMinnville, $36; Mill City, $23.80; Milton, $49.91; Nyssa, $16.97; Powell Butte, $10; Portland First, $200; Salem First, $33.33; Sellwood, $50; Yamhill, $5. Total, $1,146.08.

SCHOOLS: Astoria, $25; Carlton, $6.42; Lebanon, $40; Mallory, $12.53; Springfield, $26.44. Total, $170.39.

INDIVIDUALS: A. E. Gardner, Drain, $25; Gerald Richardson, Army, $3; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fortna, Klamath Falls, $5. Total, $33.00.

CENTENNIAL: Grace Petit, Walton, $2; Mrs. Margaret Lichtenthaler, Tillamook, $5; Mrs. L. S. Rice, Portland Central, $3; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Breshears, Mallory Ave., $5; Vernon Kullowatz, Indiana, $10; Elbert Gardner, Mallory Avenue, $164. (This last item was previously credited to the Missionary Fund but has been transferred to the Centennial). Cecil F. Bacus, Sellwood, $50.67. Total, $239.67.

PERMANENT FUND: Interest earning, $63.32; Payments on notes, $147.10.

YOUTH: Planning Conference offering for missions, $27.72.

MISCELLANEOUS: N. W. District Convention, $12.60.

We are happy to report that the missionary offerings are now running ahead of last year We hope to keep them that way. The centennial collections are naturally dwindling But there is still about $2,300 outstanding in unpaid pledges. If you have an unpaid pledge will you not do one of three things with it? First, Send in payment before the convention? Second, write and tell us when you will be able to pay it? Third, ask us to cancel it. There is no excuse for anyone not knowing that they have such a pledge for they have had from 2 to 6 letters since it was given. We do not want anybody to pay a pledge they do not want to pay; but we do ask that pledges be not let to default. Either pay it, or get rid of it in a manner that will not leave us wondering about it.

MORE CRUSADE CHURCHES

Last month we printed the names of churches accepting goals for the "Crusade for a Christian World." The following churches are additional reports:

Albany, Fall Creek, Forest Grove, Franklin, Hood River Valley, Marcola, Medford Central, Multnomah, Newberg, Pendleton, Powell Butte; Salem First, Sheridan, Woodburn.

The totals now number: Baptisms, 2,547; Other additions, 2,636; S. S. enrollment, 3,691; Christian Homes contacted, 3,588; Leaders in Training, 658; Tithers, 1,921; Proportionate givers, 1,753.

VACATION SCHOOLS

The time for making plans for Vacation Schools is upon us. If you want such a school and do not know where to get materials write this office and we will put you in touch with suitable sources. Every school should engage in vacation school work, either alone or in cooperation with other churches in the community.

Oregon Women Will Crusade

By Muriel Jordan

Members of the Women's Missionary Societies, Councils and Guilds are taking an active part in the national brotherhood Crusade for a Christian World and will shoulder their responsibility in each of the aims and financial goals of the movement. The apologetic for the part World Missions will play in the Crusade has been set forth thus: "We believe that men may be redeemed in Christ, that humanity may become fit to live in a world neighborhood, that the will to peace may become sufficiently widespread as to be dominant, that international anarchy may be supplemented by a Christian World order. This is why our first missionaries went to the fields and why we continue to work in nations widely separated and it is why, while a new world is taking shape, a Crusade for a Christian World must be attempted and successfully completed. Faith must displace fear. Fear is negative, faith is positive."

Our Goals

The following are some of the specific goals of our missionary organizations: 1.-A total participating membership of 200,000 in missionary organizations by 1950. 2.-A 15% increase in the number of business and professional women's Guilds, or 500 by 1950. 3.-That 500,000 persons in addition to those in missionary organizations be reached annually with a missionary educational program through study classes, schools of missions, institutes, elective courses, church school literature carrying the brotherhood program of the church, childrens and youths evening and midweek groups. 4.-2,000 life recruits for the ministry and 1,000 for the mission field and other types of full time Christian service, including directors of religious education. 5.-A definite and continuing program of education and action on world order in 1,000 churches in the brotherhood. 6.-To continue our regular giving and increase it as possible, and then have a special Crusade project of $200,000 annually, or a total of $600,000 for the three year period.

In the first year of the Crusade, 1947-48, we will follow the lines of our mission study-evangelism, and will plan to build churches in seven foreign fields and at Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis College for our Negro students.

World Evangelism

World evangelism is one of the major tasks facing the church. The membership of our mission churches has grown from 23,711 in 1920 to 81,653 in 1946. This is phenomenal; yet the bigness of the task is indicated by the fact that there are 14,000,000 people for whom our brotherhood is responsible. We have won only one-half of one percent of our potential people.

Another task is the reconstruction of physical property destroyed by war, the building of new and more adequate facilities, the replacement of equipment deteriorated during the war. More than $1,500,000 is needed for this. These issues are vital and far-reaching. They challenge the best in the womanhood of the church.

Compassion Offering

The Week of Compassion offering has reached $512,000. The goal set was $500,000. All this fund goes to the relief of suffering persons in war-torn countries.

Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward, Secretary of Latin American Missions, says: "Ja-

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Northwest Christian College News

By Kenneth Johnston

At the time of this writing President Griffeth is engaged in a rural church conference at Hood River. He is also participating in the Washington State Preachers' Parliament in Ellensburg. We think this is one way of crusading for a Christian World. In fact President Griffeth writes: "Northwest Christian College takes pleasure in doing all it can to make this crusade for a Christian world successful. Through evangelism and the training of evangelists N. C. C. will help in the recruiting of new crusaders. As always, this institution will do all it can to advance the cause of Christ and make effective the plea for a church united and functioning upon the simple New Testament pattern."

Commencement

The Alumni banquet and the commencement exercises will be held in the Eugene First Christian Church June 10.

Senior Symposium

Faculty and students gathered in the chapel last Friday evening, April 25, for the annual Senior Symposium. The presentations of each class were a credit to the student body and to the College. The Symposium cup was awarded by the judges to the Senior Class.

Improvements

Extensive improvements are under way in the form of painting all out side woodwork in the administration and music bulidings.

Legacy

Word came to us recently that a thoughtful friend of the College had left a small legacy to the school. We are grateful for his consideration and generosity.

Summer School

Inclusive dates for summer school are June 7 through July 25. The school will be divided into two three-week periods. Any student may take either or both periods. Write N. C. C. for further information.

Easter Reports

More than 175 students and faculty members from N. C. C. gave some specific service to congregations during the Easter evangelistic season. All others shared in church acitivities during this time.

Reports show that these services were rendered in 85 congregations divided among the states thus: Nevada, 1; California, 2; Montana, 2; Idaho, 5; Washington, 25; Oregon, 50.

At least 237 sermons were preached. More than 4,100 personal calls were made. In order to reach these congregations and return the N. C. C. personnel travelled more than 92,742 miles. On Easter Sunday there were more than 13,758 persons in the Bible Schools where the N. C. C. individuals served and the worship services reached a considerably larger number than this.

From these meetings which were either led by, or participated in by the folk from N. C. C., there were 353 baptisms and 180 transfers of membership. In addition, 76 young people were contacted who look forward to training for full time service.

Ninety and Nine Men Look Toward Turner

By Ed P. Dewees

"Turn out for Turner" has been the slogan of the Ninety and Nine Men for several years past and goodly numbers have been found on the Turner grounds for each state convention of our churches. Again this year every man who can do so is urged to attend just as many sessions as possible. For those who must work until the end of the week the entire Saturday program (June 28) will offer high peaks of fellowship and inspiration, and the afternoon and evening sessions will be particularly "tailored" for men.

An outline of the program is to be found elsewhere in these pages, and will need only slight mention here. Each major event is to be under the sponsorship of a district. If possible, a tent will be erected on the grounds so that the banquet and business session can be conducted in one place without a break. Last year over 300 men were present in this session and this year should see 400 at least if all who were there would boost it. Business items will be short to give more time to the program. The $1,000 offering will be speedily received by the use of envelopes as in the Ninety and Nine convention last October. Special numbers by the N. C. C. male quartet and an inspirational challenge by Howard Hutchins will highlight the hour.

On Sunday morning an attempt will be made to shatter the record attendance of 506 in the Men's Bible Class which was set last year. Be sure to come for you may get your first chance to appear in a "movie." Yamhill men promise a good program with J. Frank Cunningham presenting the lesson.

Calling All Boys!

The dates and places for the 1947 Boys' Camps will be found along with dates for other youth camps in the state. Camp plans are going ahead daily and shortly after this issue of the paper posters and camp folders will be sent to each church in the state. Most camp directors and deans have been chosen and a number of N. C. C. boys are again preparing to serve on the camp faculty. Another great year for the camps is in prospect.

Tillamook Conference Good

Sixteen (or more) churches were represented by delegates during the men's work conference held there April 11, 12, and these churches in turn represented six districts of the Ninety and Nine. Delegations were not large, but interest was keen and the messages by Earl Hanson Fife, Harold Lyman, and Frank Cunningham were worth going far to hear. Even the Tillamook Chamber of Commerce cooperated in the venture by ordering golden sunshine (to match their cheese).

A men's banquet was served on Friday night with some 75 men in attendance. In the revival service following all the men were seated in the center section of the church sanctuary for a picture. Brother Fife gave his message on "The Challenge of the Ninety and Nine." Perhaps the most enjoyable meetings during the conference were the two luncheons in a downtown cafe. Questions and answers on the plan and program for winning men proceeded in a steady flow. All in all, the two days were highly profitable to every delegate and should bear fruit in an increased effort in evangelism.

At the close of Brother Fife's revival in the Tillamook church the men reorganized in a Ninety and Nine Men's Bible Class. They are planning an interesting program concerning which we hope to have further report in this column.

McKenzie Rally at Franklin

The McKenzie District rally was held in the Franklin Church on April 14, a week earlier than the regular meeting date so that Earl Hanson Fife might be secured as the guest speaker on his rest night from the Tillamook meeting. Some 60 men were present for the pot-luck supper and program. With Dr. Burnett and L. G. Hulen, of Eugene, as song leader and pianist a rousing song service got the program moving. After a brief business meeting Ezra Blehm, of Harrisburg, introduced Mr. A. M. Mason, High School Principal of that city, who played two solo numbers on the accordion. Ward Rice, of N. C. C., gave a reading and C. E. Allen and Ronald Nowlin, of Harrisburg, sang "The Ninety and Nine." Brother Fife brought a stirring message and Frank Cook pronounced the benediction.

Salem First Church Host

Willamette District men gathered at the Salem First Church on April 28 for a rally and 191 men (at least) swarmed into the dining room to clean up the delicious food much like an invasion of locusts. At any rate the good ladies of the church probably had that impression since they had not been asked to prepare for that many.

Ray Armstrong led the song service with Johnny Schmidt at the piano. The invocation was pronounced by A. C. Bates after which the male quartet for the Salem First Church sang two selections. The business meeting featured a report by Glen Shelton, of Mill City, on the organization of a Church of Christ at Gates April 27. The Mill City Church, the Linn County Churches, N. C. C., and the Ninety and Nine have all been interested in this work and no doubt will need to help the brethren there in coming days. A site for a building has been donated and plans are under way for housing the congregation. Hugh Olds gave a word on the state work and a pre-view of the Turner convention program. Ike Bartel spoke on behalf of the coming Boys' Camps. A vote was taken to hold the next district meeting at the Turner Church on Tuesday, June 17, to clear the state convention.

Following the singing of a chorus your reporter gave a "between the halves" pep talk to fulfill the speaking assignment "washed out" by the December flood. The benediction was pronounced by Hayden Stewart, minister of the Corvallis Church.

S. W. Men at Myrtle Point

In lieu of a regular meeting a number of men of the Southwestern District gathered at Myrtle Point on April 22 to boost the revival led by Kenneth Knox and Hal Camp. After the revival service a short business meeting was held. The district voted to sponsor the men's prayer meeting at Turner and nominated Kenneth Knox as dean for Camp Myrtlewood Boys' Camp.

Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

Since this is the convention issue of the OREGON CHRISTIAN the space for our column is of necessity greatly reduced. However, we do wish to use a little of it to thank those churches, missionary groups, and individuals, who have contributed to the financial support of it; and to solicit any support that any might care to send. The cost of this column of Direct Support Mission News is $12 per month. And, right now, our treasury is very low. If you feel that it is a worthy work your support will be greatly appreciated. One of the finest ways is to assume one month's support. Send any offerings to J. Frank Cunningham, 521 So. Howard Street, Newberg, Oregon. You will be receipted for the same.

Turner Home

E. J. Gilstrap writes that Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ross are now associated with the Turner Memorial Home as supervisor and house mother in the main building. Keith Lawson, their son-in-law, is efficient as home caretaker. Our old friend, W. T. Cooper, is again contributing his services as gardener and living there during the summer months. The Centennial Cottage is nearing completion. One of the Home members, Frank E. Jones, is recovering after a leg amputation. He is learning to use a wheel chair. Brother Jones, who is past 80, started preaching more than 60 years ago. Mrs. Inez Carlson is also recovering after some time in a cast in a hospital with a fractured hip. Mr. John Bredehoft is a new member of the Home family.

A Children's Home

Kenneth E. Holsinger is in Oregon at the present time in the interest of a Children's Home and Mission near Melbourne, Arkansas. Until about May 13 he can be reached for week night appointments c/o Floyd Hughes, Route 1, Box 264, Eugene, Oregon.

China-Tibet

Jane Kinnett wrote a very interesting letter from Kunming, Yunnan, China. It seems that those doing work among the Lisu tribesmen and other tribes along the Burmese-Tibetan border are establishing a mission in Kunming, which will not only do a missionary work in Kunming, a city of 350,000 people, but it will be a stopping place for missionaries on the way to and from the up-country stations. Jane writes: "It will be a place from which mail and supplies may be forwarded on, and where one can take advantage of the best exchange rate at that time. One must remember that one day the American dollar will be worth $7,800 and the next day it may be worth $9,000, and on the following day it may go down to $12,000. According to the present plans I will be the one to remain in Kunming to act as forwarding Agent for the Yunnan-Tibetan Christian Mission, and to carry on mission work in this city of 350,000. The churches of Christ need more than one permanent missionary in this capital city where advancement is going on every day." Jane has bought a little six-year-old girl who was brought to prison to keep her father from selling her as a slave.

Northwestern Christian Home

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

Spring time brings busier than ever days to Northwestern Christian Home. Abundance of flowers adds to the gladness of the season. Spring plowing calls to the garden. There are not hands enough with strength enough to do all the work that waits to be done in the garden for we are still without a caretaker.

Our pump has at last been installed and is ready for work; but pipe to distribute the water over the place has not been obtained to date.

Spring planting time reminds of harvest time and suggests that those who will fill jars for the Home this summer should send requests now so that jars can be shipped before time for canning.

Staff Meeting Echoes

Some echoes from the annual staff meeting of the National Benevolent Association will be of interest to readers of OREGON CHRISTIAN.

More than 100 names of approved applicants are on the waiting lists of the six Homes of the N. B. A.

Plans and specifications have been adopted and bids called for an expansion to double the capacity of Emily E. Flinn Home for the Aged in Marion, Indiana. Details of plans are being prepared to double the capacity of the Home for the Aged in Dallas, Texas. Money is on hand to begin work on these buildings if bids do not show absolutely prohibitive costs.

Costs of Benevolence

Benevolent work faces the high cost of living. Analysis of the operating costs of the Homes of the National Benevolent Association shows that daily per capita cost for cash maintenance expenses in the Homes for Children was $1.09 in 1939; $2.02 in 1946. That in Homes for the Aged was $.99 in 1939; $1.46 in 1946.

Churches have responded to the rising costs with increased contributions. During the year ending June 30, 1946, 511 were Front Line churches with contributions of $300 or more for Benevolence; and 622 gave a dollar or more for each resident member. Texas led in per capita giving and had 182 of the dollar-a-member churches. Oregon had nine Front Line churches, and 14 dollar-a-member churches.

At staff meeting it was decided to issue certificates of special recognition to Front Line and Dollar-a-member churches beginning with the year ending June 30, 1947.

Maintenance contributions received in Northwestern Christian Home for the nine months ending March 31, 1947 were only $109.04 more than for the corresponding nine months of last year. The months of April, May and June last year brought $3.808.52. We need to at least equal that this year.

"Your abundance being a supply at this present time for their want," II Cor. 8:14.—Walter L. Myers.

SEASIDE APPEAL

A recent letter from Wm. Morse, pastor at Seaside, indicates that the financial situation there is rather acute. They have a building which has cost to date, exclusive of donated labor, more than $9,000. It is incomplete, but usable. The financial situation is such that it seems necessary to put the pastor on half time salary. There are rooms in the church house that can be fitted up for living quarters, which would reduce church expenses about $50 per month. It will cost near $1,000 to do that. They greatly appreciate what other churches have done for them and will appreciate anything more that can be done on this present project. The State Board is assisting in that work, but it cannot assume the entire responsibility. There are other places the State Board must help, too. We must not let Seaside fall down.

Women Crusade

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maica is our oldest mission field. Today we have 30 good stone church buildings but only 9 full time pastors. These men must hold services in three or four places each Lord's Day." She marvelled at the accomplishments of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Allen in the past three years there. They have a secondary school, teaching regular subjects in the mornings and dairying, agriculture, etc., in the afternoons, besides a full program of evangelism and regular church work. She says our mission work is truly transforming the Islands.

Mrs. Ward stated that our Puerto Rican field is second in membership to any of our foreign stations and are at the top of the list in self support. They offer to match dollar for dollar with money from this country to build ten new churches. She suggested Crusade goals to them. Their enthusiastic response startled her. She asked them to support two new paid national workers. They answered, "Not two—but eleven." She asked them to start two new Bibile Schools. They replied, "Not two—but four." Last year Puerto Rico gave $51,000 toward the support of their own churches, or $2 to each one from the United States. They pledged to give $70,000 toward their own support for the next three years, and will send $500 annually for foreign missions.

Turner Convention

The following topics will be covered by Miss Edith Eberle during the first-hour classes: "Our Heritage;" "Presentation of New Books dealing with World Evangelism;" "United Society: Its Purpose and Function;" "The Mission Study Program for 1947-48;" and "Effective Ways of Presenting Study Programs (including visual and audio aids)."

Second hour classes will consider: "Making Calendars of the Years Events and Planning Officers Retreats;" "Officers' Training Classes;" "Ways of Starting Missionary Programs for Children and Youth;" two talks by our India missionary; an evaluation period; presentation of Women's part in the Crusade."

WORSHIP

By Mrs. Thelma Stanley

May is the month when groups within the church elect officers for the coming year. I urge every group to elect a worship chairman. At all meetings within the church a worship service should be held before the group dismisses. Worship is a vital part of any meeting and there should be someone responsible for planning and conducting it. More planned and well conducted worship services are needed in the work of the church today.

In order for women's groups to have these worship services that correspond with the study program the state women's board is again offering monthly worship services for $1 a year. The first 6 months will have been planned by state officers and will be devotional and inspirational to all groups. If your group has been using them this year and want them for next year send the order to me right away. Address, 442 S. E. 68th Ave., Portland 16, Oregon. Groups that have not been using them will find them a great aid.

Missionaries to pray for: Miss Veda Harrah, India; Miss Grace Farnham.

Easter Echoes

CULVER — Attendance, 160. D. L. Penhollow preached the annual sermon with 3 confessions. Wayne Osborne, pastor.

LA GRANDE—Attendance 229. Offering for Home Missions, $128.55. 336 at worship service. Two weeks meeting, assisted by Laura Sherman and Adele Humphreys, resulted in 8 baptisms and 1 transfer. Gene Robinson, pastor.

BEND — Attendance 414; 500 for morning worship. Final results of meeting by B. Ross Evans, assisted by Hal Camp, were 17 baptisms and 7 transfers. Len B. Fishback, pastor.

CRESWELL — Two weeks meeting assisted by Mrs. Ruth Kistler and Jim Smith resulted in 8 baptisms and 2 statements. Ronald Osborne, pastor.

EUGENE FIRST — Meeting by Mr. and Mrs. Rothenberger closed with 26 baptisms and 15 by transfer. Bible School attendance 748; at morning worship, 2,300. Hugh N. McCallum, pastor.

SALEM FIRST—15 confessions and 5 others on Palm Sunday. 13 for baptism and 16 transfers on Easter Sunday. Dudley Strain, pastor.

BURNS — Attendance at Sunday School, 83; at worship, 65; for cantata in the evening, 250. The Christian and Baptist choirs combined for the cantata. Milton W. Bower, pastor.

REDMOND — Bible School attendance, 200; church, 190. Walter Naff, pastor.

SISTERS — Sunday School attendance, 157. Roger Carstenson, pastor.

COBURG—Arlo Bristow closed meeting with 7 confessions and 2 rededications. Kenneth Britt, N. C. C. led the music. Frank Betzer, pastor.

SILVERTON—11 baptisms and 2 by statement in Passion Week services. A special offering of more than $1,000. 29 added in first four months here. Arthur C. Bates, pastor.

HOOD RIVER VALLEY — Sunday School attendance 223, a record for this church. House full for worship. 3 confessions and 2 transfers. 24 baptized in last four months. H. L. Porter, pastor.

MEDFORD CENTRAL—Bible School attendance, 74; church service, 120. Work growing gradually. Victor J. Mitchell, pastor.

BAKER — Easter attendance 302. Baptized 14, with 3 more to follow. Finances best in history. Started 5th year of ministry. F. W. Zook, pastor.

HOOD RIVER — Best Easter since coming to Hood River. 4 confessions. Work taking on new life. A youth choir, beautifully robed, was a feature at evening service. Ervin F. Leake, pastor.

OREGON CITY—C. Alton Brostrom closed meeting with 8 baptisms and 6 otherwise. 134 average attendance. Wm. C. Piper, pastor.

MEDFORD FIRST—Bible School attendance 442; church, 800 plus; 250 at night. 6 added. Delbert Daniels, pastor.

LEBANON—Bible School attendance 378. Audience of 500 overflowed into basement. Gilbert Kistler sang during pre-Easter meeting. Holly Jarvis, pastor.

KLAMATH FALLS — 11 added during pre-Easter week. Going East in May for speaking engagements and to visit 82 year old mother. Howard Hutchins. pastor.

ALBANY—Meeting by Ross Griffeth, asisted by Truman and Virginia Robbins, brought 9 confessions and 13 others. Pastor's salary upped. 456 Easter attendance. Orville F. Mick, pastor.

MALLORY AVENUE—6 confessions and 6 others in Easter meeting, assisted by Lu Ella Ortman, Carol Crozier, and Barbara Bower, all of N. C. C. Hubert E. Sias, pastor.

GRANTS PASS — Bible School attendance 470; 445 at communion service. 5 baptisms. Gordon L. Hypes, pastor.

HARRISBURG—104 in Bible School April 13; 4 confessions. 1 confession on the 6th. 2 confessions in March. Wm. Siefke, pastor.

GLADSTONE — A week of inspirational preaching by Wayne Jensen brought 7 baptisms Good Friday evening communion service. Largest offerings in history of Church. W. R. Hensley, pastor.

TURNER—Bible School attendance 137; church, 193; C. E. 49; evening service, 120. 8 additions. Freeman Yardley, pastor.

THE DALLES—School attendance 364. 6 baptisms, 5 by statement. One baptism and 3 by statement earlier. C. Warner, pastor.

NEWBERG—Sunday School attendance 405; church hour, 399. 3 by statement. 23 baptisms in March. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

HALFWAY—Baptized 3 young people April 20. Arvil O. Hurt, pastor.

COQUILLE—11 baptisms and 1 other addition before Liston Parish left the field for Wieser, Idaho. Earl L. Soward is now pastor.

MILL CITY—162 in Sunday School Easter Sunday; 10 baptisms. 24 baptized and 3 received by statement since January 1. Church has been redecorated. Lloyd Whitford, pastor.

SELLWOOD—2 confessions and 1 by statement on Easter Sunday. In the evening the choir gave the cantata, "The Risen Savior," to a large audience. The Junior choir gave a number. Wm. J. Brooks, pastor.

CORBETT—Began 3rd year March 9th. 1 baptism. Prayer meeting well attended. Young adult class (K. D.—Kum Double), is growing. Walter A. Barnes, pastor.

NEWBERG—8 more baptisms in March than formerly reported. Total added in March, 19 baptisms and 2 statements. 6 baptisms in April and 2 by statement. 405 attendance Easter Sunday. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

PENDLETON—9 baptisms, 8 others, added in April. Easter offerings $1,100. Additions in present pastorate more than 350. O. D. Harris, pastor.

PORTLAND CENTRAL — 10 baptisms, 17 otherwise from March 30 to April 20. James Earl Ladd, pastor.

VALE—Easter attendance 206. Having from 90 to 110 regularly at worship service. We need more room for Sunday School. The church has adopted a three-point financial program: (1) Pledges to cover current expense; (2) A "Harvest Home" day in the fall as a back-log for slack seasons; (3) Farmers to donate a calf and raise to one year old and give to church for the building fund. Lloyd James, pastor.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

On Sunday, April 13, certificates of recognition for 25 years of continuous service as Supply Secretary and Recording Secretary were awarded to Earl Brunk and Grant Teter respectively at First Christian Church in Salem. This is a just act of appreciation, and should be followed by every school.

April S-wanderings

April 6, Burns. Easter Sunday gave a record attendance for both Sunday School and worship service. 83 for school, 60 for worship, and 250 in evening for cantata given by the Christian and Baptist choirs. They are looking for a permanent pastor. Milton W. Bower, supply minister.

April 11-13, Salem First. The first Young People's Planning Conference met here with 67 young people and 13 adult leaders in attendance. It was a glorious success.

April 14, McMinnville. The funeral of Fred A. Hurner, whose obituary is mentioned in another place.

April 15, Medford. The S. W. District convention met in the First Church. It was a large attendance and a good program. Earl Downing was the chairman who was responsible for the program.

April 17, Eugene. The occasion was the presence of Hampton Adams, St. Louis pastor, and President of the International Convention. It was an inspirational meeting.

April 20, Harrisburg. With William Siefke in the morning service. Though a small church the attendance is fine and there is evidence of life on every hand.

April 27, Roseburg. Kenneth Knox, pastor, was holding a meeting in Myrtle Point, and we supplied for him both morning and evening. 286 at Sunday School. It is always a pleasure to be at Roseburg.

April 28, Portland First. The Joint Board of Greater Portland had a meeting. They are pressing the Park Rose situation.

April 29, Hillsboro. The N. W. District convention was in session. The attendance was good and the program excellent. Jess Johnson is president.

In between these dates were sprinkled 2 committee meetings on leadership training, 2 Crusade Committee meetings, a State Board and a State Educational Committee meeting. The rest of the time was given to office work.

Obituary

F. A. Hurner died in Portland on April 9 at the advanced age of 80 years. He leaves 2 sons, Frank and Ed; a daughter, Mrs. Emma Butler, of Ashland; 2 brothers, Alex and Louis, of Carlton, and 10 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member for many years of the Christian Church at Carlton. He was a sincere Christian man.

A. W. Cameron, McMinnville, died in Tacoma on April 23 while visiting a daughter. He had been a grocer by occupation, but his chief business was superintendent of the Sunday School. He leaves a wife and several children. He will be sorely missed by the whole community and church.

The Chandlers

A letter just received from Mrs. Earl Chandler from Ketchikan, Alaska, reports that the church there has received title to property known as Newtown Church of Christ. Earl is in the East assembling funds and is expected to arrive in Alaska early in June.

ONTARIO — Two weeks meeting, assisted by Charles Knox, N. C. C., resulted in 6 confessions and 3 statements. 267 attendance on Easter Sunday, with 55 in Junior Church. Church has bought a new bus which will bring about 30 each Sunday. Emil J. Helseth, pastor.